

REMARKS

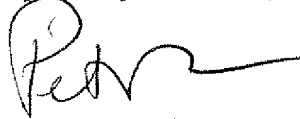
Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, Claims 13-15, 17, 20, 23 and 25, are deemed to be allowable. Moreover, Claims 1-12, 18-19, 22 and 29 are withdrawn from consideration based upon the prior imposed restriction requirement. Furthermore, Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

In response, applicants have deleted Claim 27 without prejudice. It is to be noted that applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications to cover the deleted subject matter. Furthermore, applicants have amended Claim 13 by correcting an inadvertent typographical error. Since no new matter is introduced, entry thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments to claims, applicants submit that the §112, first paragraph rejection has been obviated. Therefore, applicants submit that it is firmly believed that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter I. Bernstein', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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